Assistance for rural water supply on account of scarcity conditions in Andhra Pradesh. The allocations to States/UTs under ARWSP for 1987-88 have not yet been finalised.

Service Conditions of the Workers of Krishi Vigyan Kendras

2787. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the service conditions of the workers in the Krishi Vigyan Kendras in different States alongwith their wages rates;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for better service rules and wages for these workers; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Krishi Vigyan Kendras are being implemented basically by three implementing agencies in the States namely: (i) State Agricultural Universities; (ii) ICAR Research Institues; and (iii) a few selected voluntary organisations. Though the scheme on Krishi Vigyan Kendra is sponsored by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, the service conditions for the staff of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras are governed by the service conditions of the implementing agencies. The staff appointed under the scheme, whether technical or non-technical are entitled to the specified grades of the respective implementing agencies.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

National River Belt

2788. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring in the national belt of the rivers of the country, especially in the Southern region, as suggested by the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this direction to augment and speed up the work; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The peninsular component of the national perspective plan for water resources development, which envisages the transfer of surplus waters to deficit areas, is under study. The work has been a focus to develop some specific proposals during the VII Plan for further consideration and action.

Disaster Management Programme in Andhra Pradesh

2789. SHRI GOPALA RAO, RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to sanction a sum of Rs. 15 crores to implement the Disaster Preparedness Programme in the State; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): ponse to the Gos request to the

States/Union Territories for proposals to be included in the Seventh Five Year Plan scheme of Disaster Preparedness, Government of Andhra Pradesh also submitted their proposals. The details of the scheme have not been finalised.

Setting up of Printing Presses

2790. SHRI DEBENDRA NATH BARMAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up more printing presses in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the places where these are likely to be set up;

(d) the allocations if any, made for this purpose; and

(e) by when the same are likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Production Cost of Paddy, etc.

2791. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the cost of production per quintal of Paddy, Wheat, Jute, Sugarcane and Potato for the year 1984, 1985 and 1986;

(b) what were the support prices of the above mentioned crops during the above period; and

(c) what were the consumer prices of the above mentioned crops in the open market during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) The cost of Production per quintal of paddy, wheat, jute, sugarcane and potato for the latest three years for which the data are available under the comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation/Production of Principal Crops, the minimum support prices of these commodities fixed by the Government of India and the consumer prices of the commodities mentioned above in the open market during the corresponding period are given in the enclosed statement. [*See* appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 122]

Issue Price of Rice, Wheat, etc.

2792. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state what were the issue prices of rice, wheat, sugar per quintal through the public distribution system during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): A statement is attached.